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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 5, 2006, the Applicant submits the following Response in the above-referenced patent application for consideration.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.